

## FIRST EDITION

### Welcome to the First Edition of NCP's E-Newsletter

We are very pleased to share with you the first issue of our new quarterly E-newsletter to keep you connected and up-to-date on the latest happenings in NCP.

This E-newsletter will feature stories about migrant communities, events, activities and news, and it'll also feature new Legislation, Policy Documents, National Integration Strategy, Anti-Racism Action Plan, Research and more.

We hope you'll find it helpful, in the meantime, visit our [website](#) for information on our services or to get support.

### A White Paper to End Direct Provision and to Establish a New International Protection Support Service.

The Government has pledged to end Direct Provision and replace it with a new International Protection accommodation policy centred on a not-for-profit approach. The new system will provide accommodation, health, education, income support and other service needs and will be both professional and grounded in a human rights approach. The new model proposes a two-phase approach to accommodating applicants for International Protection. Phase One will be focused on identifying needs, defining pathways, and linking applicants to appropriate services. In Phase Two, the emphasis is on fostering an independent life within the community. Click [HERE](#) for more.

### Ireland's scheme to regularise the status of undocumented migrants

Junior minister James Browne announced the introduction of a nationwide amnesty which provides the opportunity for undocumented migrants in Ireland to regularise their status. In November 2021, a portal will be available for 6 months, for up to 17,000 eligible undocumented migrants residing in Ireland to request a legal status. The scheme to regularise the status of undocumented migrants will provide migrants "unrestricted access to the labour market, and allow them to apply for citizenship later". Read the News Article at the Irish Independent [HERE](#)

### Guide to Opening Bank Accounts for international protection applicants and people with status published

A new Guide to Opening Bank Accounts that will make it easier for international protection applicants and people with status to open bank accounts has been published by the Banking & Payments Federation Ireland (BPF). The guide states that banks in Ireland welcome international protection applicants as banking customers and will now accept temporary residence certificates (TRCs) as proof of identity, if applicants do not have passports or driving licenses. Read more [HERE](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE (HATE CRIME) BILL 2021

The Irish Department for Justice obtained government approval to publish the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (Hate Crime) Bill 2021, which introduces the first hate crime-specific legislation in Ireland. Under the new bill, aggravated offences that are motivated by prejudice will carry tougher sentences, in comparison to ordinary offences – if convicted, the offence would be clearly stated as a hate crime. Click [HERE](#) learn more.



New Communities Partnership stands against  
Violence, Hate Crime & Racism  
of any kind

We support our migrant communities & stand  
together to foster a more Inclusive Society

Hate towards one of us is hate towards all of us

#NCPagainstHateCrime

## Processing of international protection applications from Afghan nationals to be expedited

The Irish Government said that it intends to expedite the processing of current international protection applications from Afghan nationals. Family reunification applications made by Irish citizens and Afghan beneficiaries of international protection will also receive focussed attention, considering the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. Department of Foreign Affairs noted that priority will be given to those working on human rights issues, including the rights of women and girls, as well as those working with NGOs and European and international organisations. For more visit [HERE](#)

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# Upcoming Trainings & Events



## Migrant Family Support Service (MFSS)

Between October – December 2021

- Encouraging Parental Participation
- Cultural Awareness Workshop (Roma Cultures)
- Cultural Awareness Workshop (Muslim Families)
- Information Session for Foster Carers

Between September – December 2021

- Child Protection Awareness Information Sessions
- Positive Parenting in Ireland Workshop
- MFSS Information sessions

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## Migrant Women – Opportunities for Work

Return to the Workforce Training: 4/11/21 - 2/11/21

Hiring for Diversity Training for HR Professionals:

13th September, 21st October & 7th December

Information Sessions for migrants (webinars):

Last week of September & November (dates TBC)

For registration/queries contact:

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## Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

- African Tribal Art Exhibition & Workshop - 20th November 2021
- Governance Workshop - October 2020
- Conference on the Future of Europe - 1st October 2021
- Leadership Training on Transforming Communities - October 2021
- Grant Writing Tips & Tricks November 2021

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## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



In July 2021 NCP's CEO Cherif Labreche was elected to join Wheel's Board of Directors. Wheel is Ireland's national association of community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises.



For the past few months we organised several webinars & virtual Information Sessions for migrants on topics such as: "Understanding Your finances", "Access to Healthcare", "Effective Networking to Land your Industry" etc. Recordings of all the webinars are on our YouTube channel which you can find [HERE](#).

**NEW COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

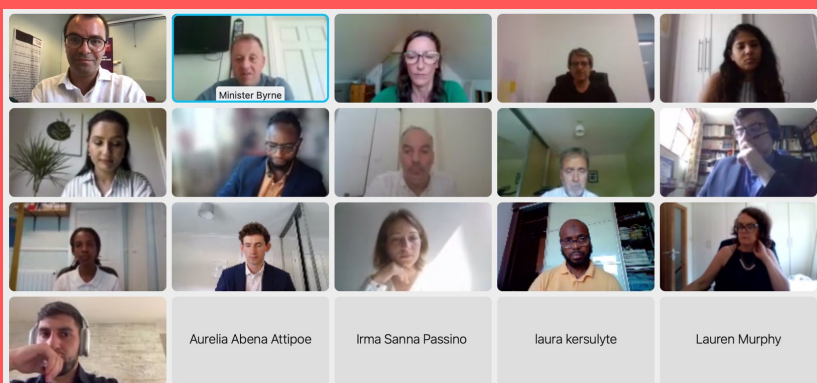
# MIGRANT JOB FAIR 2021

VIRTUAL

**Wednesday 17th  
November**

FREE event open to anyone who would like to meet companies, recruiters & other organisations who are offering roles that are ideal for multilingual, diverse & skilled professionals.

In February 2021 NCP's Communication Officer Sevak Khachatryan was appointed as Co. Chair of the SIRIUS Network. SIRIUS is the international leading Policy Network on Migrant Education which brings together key stakeholders in migration and education from around Europe, including policy makers, researchers, practitioners and representatives of migrant communities.



As part of the Conference on the Future of Europe on 20/07/21 members of NCP met virtually with the Minister of State for European Affairs, Thomas Byrne TD. The conference aimed at promoting greater citizen involvement in the European Union. The main topics which were discussed with the Minister were Digital Transformation, European Democracy and Migration, mainly focusing on the integration of migrants and recent increase of online hate speech.

# Afghan Community of Ireland

In our first feature story we met up with Nasruddin Saljuqi to discuss his upcoming book "From Afghanistan to Ireland: The memories of Nasruddin Saljuqi"

Born in Herat, Nasruddin Saljuqi and his family were forced to leave Afghanistan in 1989, due to the war. He and his family settled down in the Iranian city of Mashhad initially and in 2000 they arrived in Ireland as refugees. They arrived in Dublin in November of that year, finding a country that was warm and welcoming to them. Since then he has been an active member for numerous organizations dealing with migrant issues and working towards better migrant integration in Irish society.

Being a graduate in literature, Nasruddin has been the author of a number of books on Afghan history and culture. Twenty-one years later, he's shining a deeper light on the country he fled with the launch of his new book.



## What inspired you to write the book?

When I came to Ireland 20 years ago an Irish writer did a 70 page article about me and my journey as a migrant coming from Afghanistan. This got me thinking that why don't I write my own story, in my words about the hardships I had faced and the opportunities I got when I arrived in Ireland.

## What is the book about?

This book consists of my memories starting from my childhood up till now. I was born in Herat, Afghanistan. When the war broke out me and my family moved to Iran and later, we migrated to Ireland more than twenty years back. This book tells my whole life journey.

## How has Ireland changed from the time you came here?

So much has changed from when I migrated. When I arrived in Ireland not much information was provided, I was only given one booklet about the country I was going to and there weren't too many opportunities for migrants available back then. But now there is a lot of good change. There are better opportunities available for migrants for higher education and employment, overall a chance for a good life.

As migrant population has increased there is a lot of diversity in the population and Irish people have become very inclusive as well. So many organizations have been doing great work since so many years to achieve this. I have been personally involved with NCP for the past 20 years, working for integration of migrants in the community.

## One thing your readers can take from the book?

I want my readers to enjoy the Afghan culture and heritage through my eyes while reading the book. Also, I want them to write about their communities, cultures, memories and tell their life stories. We all have such amazing life journeys, it is very important to document it and share it with our community here in Ireland.

\*NCP will be supporting the launch of Saljuqi's upcoming book and all the updates will be posted in our social media & website.

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The aim of this service is to support migrant families who experience child protection interventions and empower migrant parents by providing culturally sensitive support and encouraging positive parenting practices.

## Migrant Women - Opportunities for Work:

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Mi-WOW aims to explore, support, and overcome specific barriers that migrant women are facing in Ireland during their job-seeking journeys. Mi-WOW is designed to empower migrant women to reach their potential, rebuilding their confidence, and upgrading their skills to facilitate their access to the labour market and/or career progression in ways that are linked to their professional goals.

## Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

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The programme focuses on reducing poverty and promoting social inclusion and equality through local and regional engagement and collaboration. Its vision is to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment through community development approaches like involvement of migrants at all levels in society.

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## Citizenship Application Support Service

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This service provides information & "one to one" advice service for individuals and families applying for Irish naturalisation in different languages.

## National Development & Integration

Scheme to Support National Organisations in the Community and Voluntary Sector (SSNO)

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NCP's National development & integration officer is responsible for initiating, maintaining and developing a sustainable working relationship with key groups and individuals engaged with NCP, actively promoting awareness of social inclusion, integration and anti-poverty issues in the new communities. Support is available for individuals as well as groups.

## NCP's Board of Directors

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